IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) An iso bearing for a circuit breaker, said bearing comprising:

an inner surface, an outer surface, and a body extending therebetween, said inner surface comprising a pair of bosses and a pair of openings, said outer surface comprising at least one boss, said body comprising a pair of rotor protective flaps.

2. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body outer surface and said inner surface are substantially planar.

3. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body further comprises a perimeter and is substantially circular.

4. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said pair of bosses are diametrically opposed, each said boss sized to receive a rotor pin therein.

5. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said pair of openings are diametrically opposed, each said opening sized to receive a rotor boss therethrough.

6. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said pair of rotor protective flaps are diametrically opposed, said flaps extend substantially perpendicularly from said inner surface along said body perimeter.

7. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said pair of rotor protective flaps are adjacent said plurality of openings and receptacles.

8. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein each said rotor protective flap has a height that is greater than a thickness of said body.

9. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body outer surface comprises a boss configured to couple said body to the circuit breaker.

10. (original) A bearing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said bearing is fabricated from a nonconductive material.

11.-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A circuit breaker comprising:

a pair of electrically insulative cassette half pieces comprising a cavity therein;

a plurality of electrically conductive straps positioned within each said half piece;

a rotor contact assembly positioned in said cavity, said assembly comprising a plurality of pins, a linkage assembly, and a pair of rotor halves, each said rotor half comprising an inner and an outer surface and a perimeter, said outer surface comprising a plurality of bosses;

a contact arm configured to be mechanically and electrically coupled to said rotor assembly inner surface by said plurality of pins and said linkage assembly;

a plurality of iso bearings mechanically coupled to said rotor contact assembly outer surface by the plurality of rotor bosses, each said iso bearing comprising ~~a pair of rotor protective flaps partially circumscribing said rotary contact assembly perimeter to facilitate shielding said plurality of pins and said link assembly~~ an inner surface, an outer surface, and a body extending therebetween, said inner surface comprising a pair of bosses and a pair of openings, said outer surface comprising at least one boss, said body comprising a pair of rotor protective flaps;

an operating mechanism configured to separate said conductive straps and a contact arm; and

a plurality of arc chambers coupled to each said half pieces.

18. (original) A circuit breaker in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said pair of rotor protective flaps are diametrically opposed, said flaps extend substantially perpendicularly from said rotary contact assembly perimeter.

19. (original) A circuit breaker in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said rotor includes a first half and a second half, said contact arm positioned between said first and second rotor halves.

20. (original) A circuit breaker in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said rotor further includes a plurality bosses positioned on each of said first and second halves such that said iso bearings mechanically couple to said rotor.

21. (original) A circuit breaker in accordance with Claim 17 wherein each of said iso bearing is fabricated from a nonconductive material.

22. (new) A circuit breaker in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said pair of rotor protective flaps are diametrically opposed, said flaps extend substantially perpendicularly from said rotary contact assembly perimeter.

23. (new) A circuit breaker in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said iso bearings and said contact arm are configured to rotate about the same axis of rotation.